

Overview of post-quantum cryptography

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Achieve various security goals
by secretly transforming messages.

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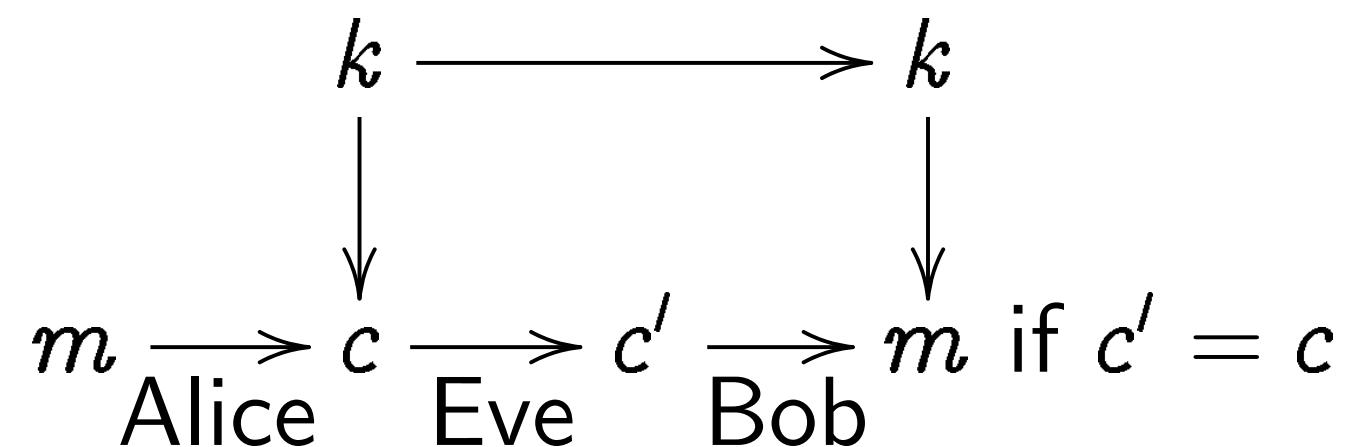
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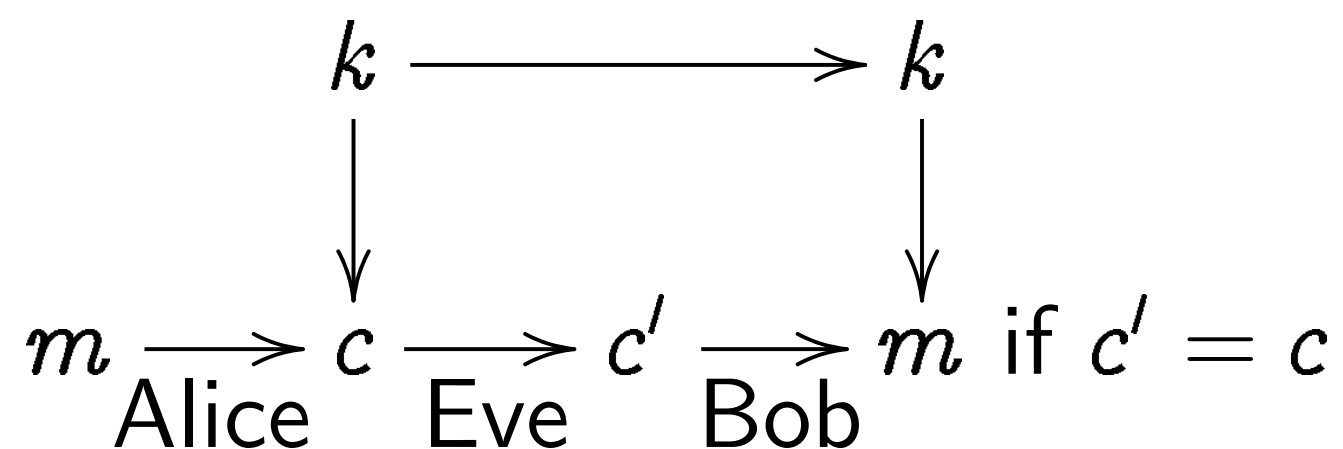
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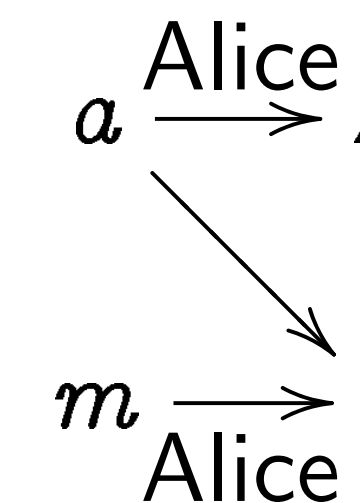
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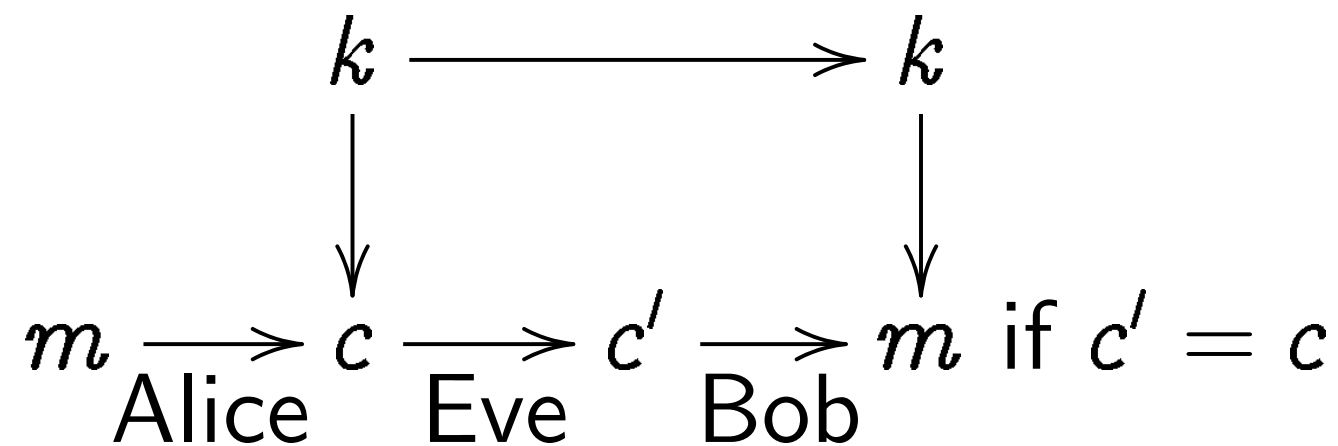
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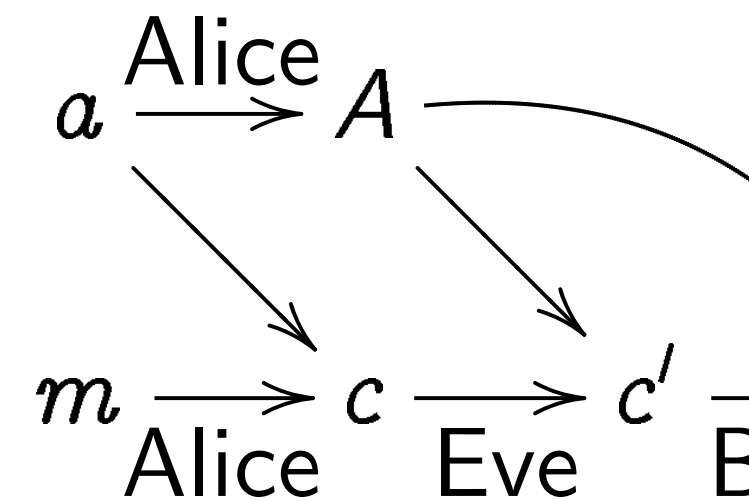
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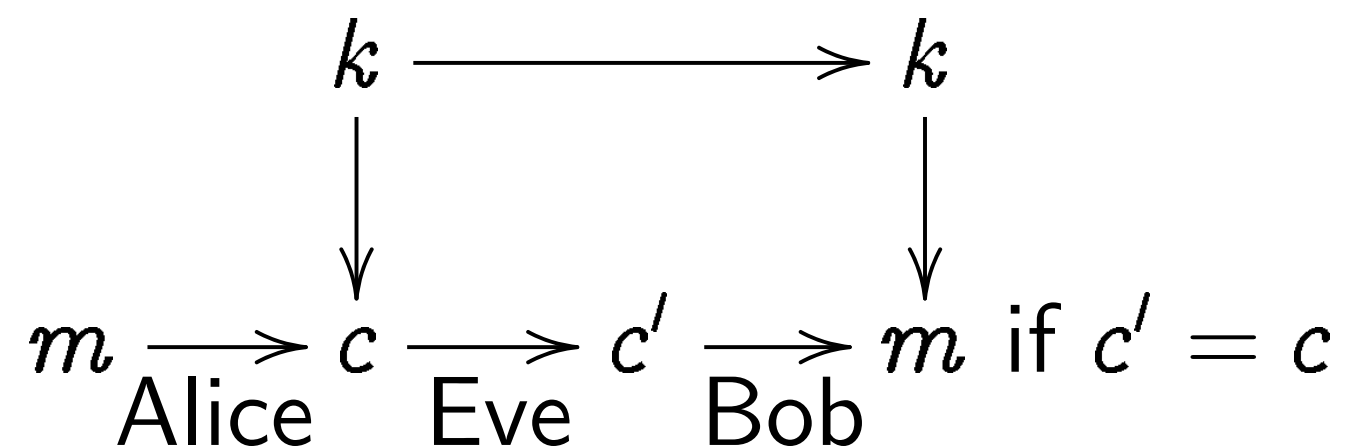


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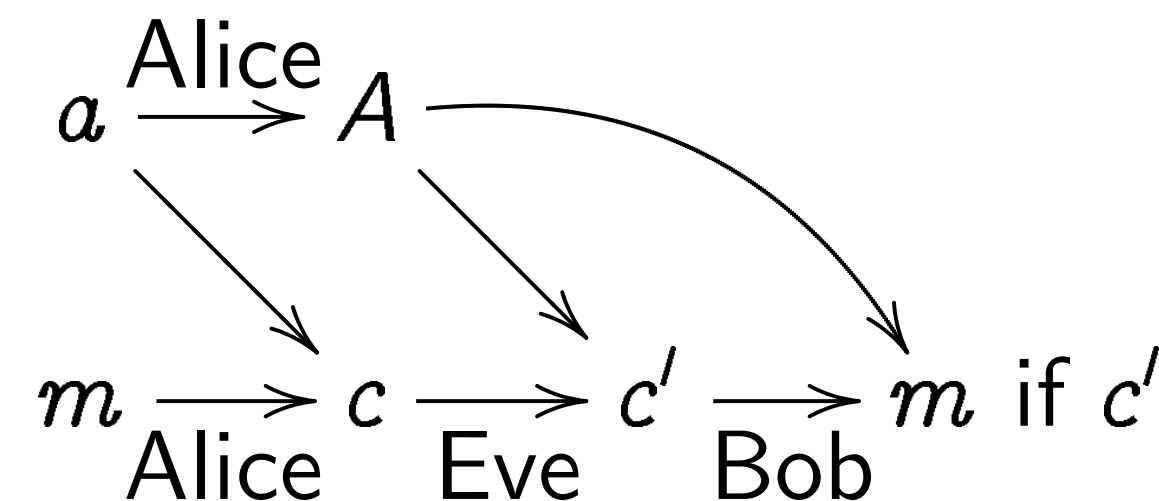
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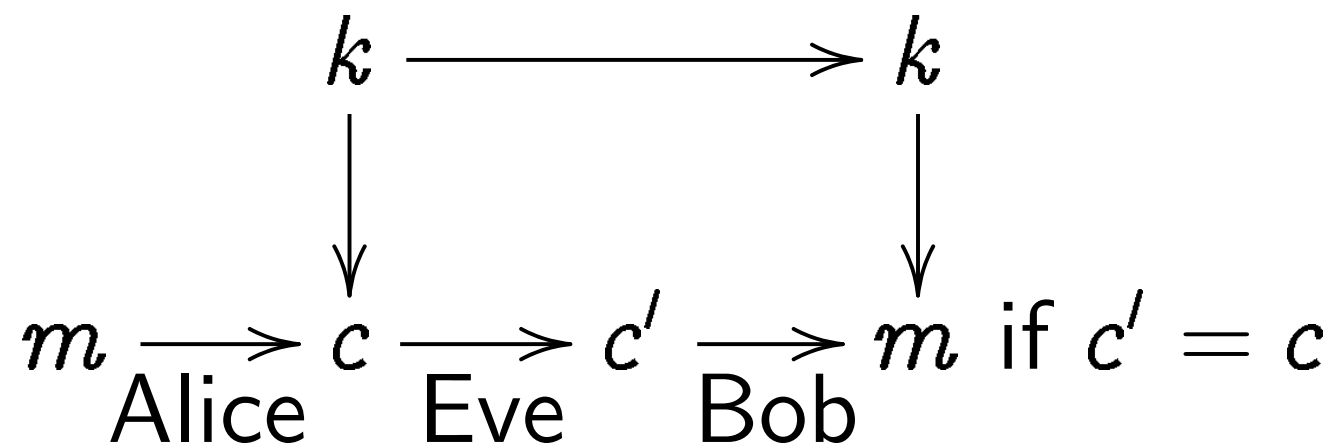


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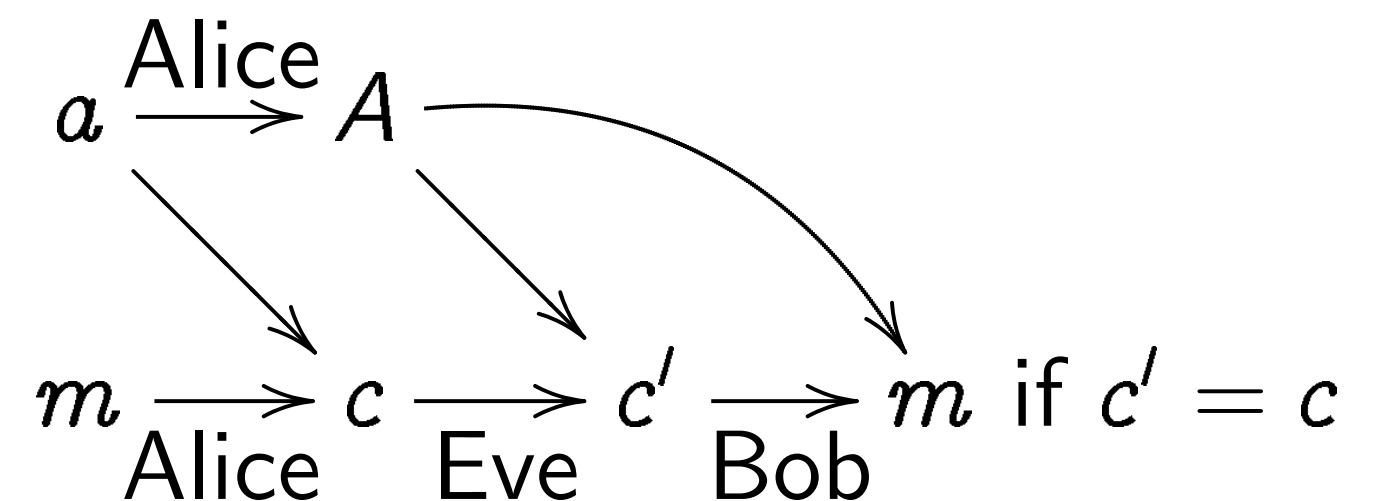
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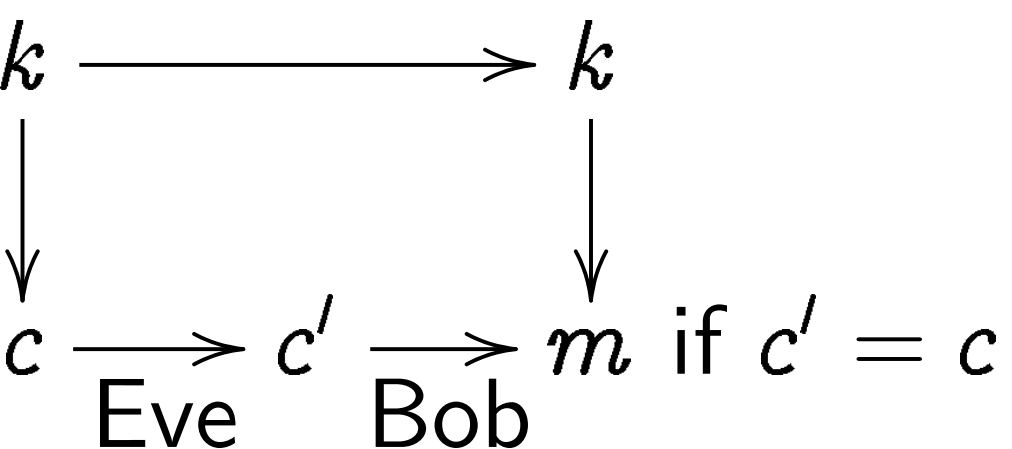
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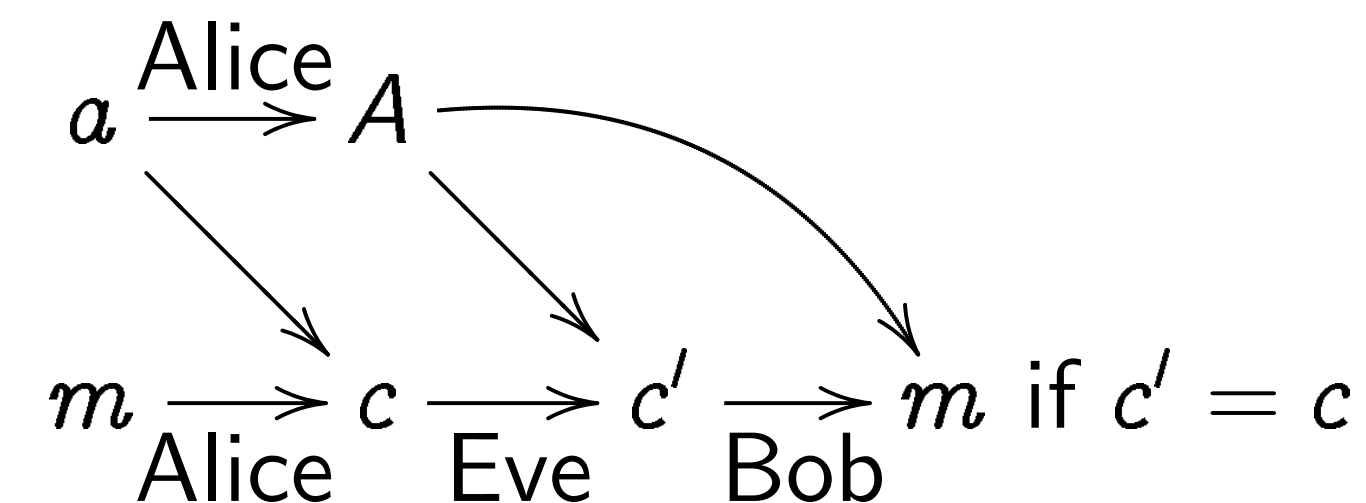
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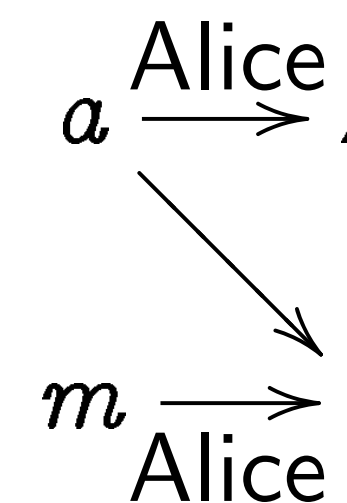
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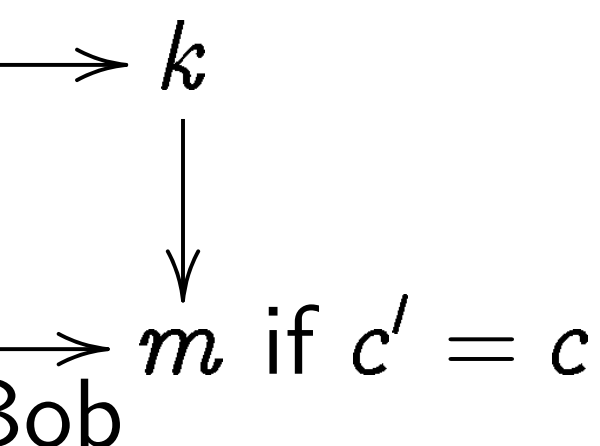
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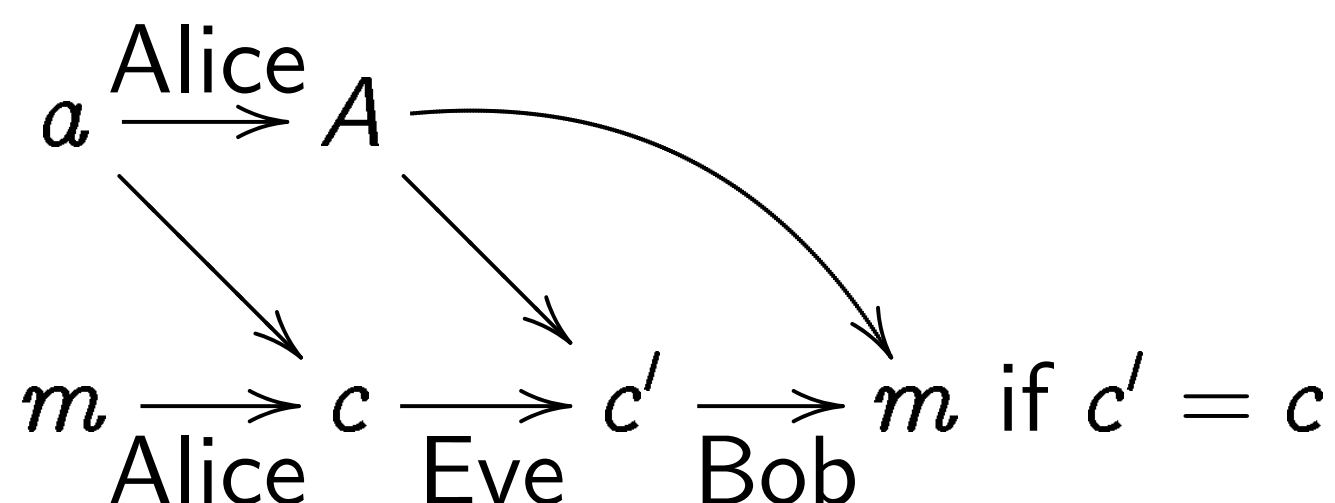
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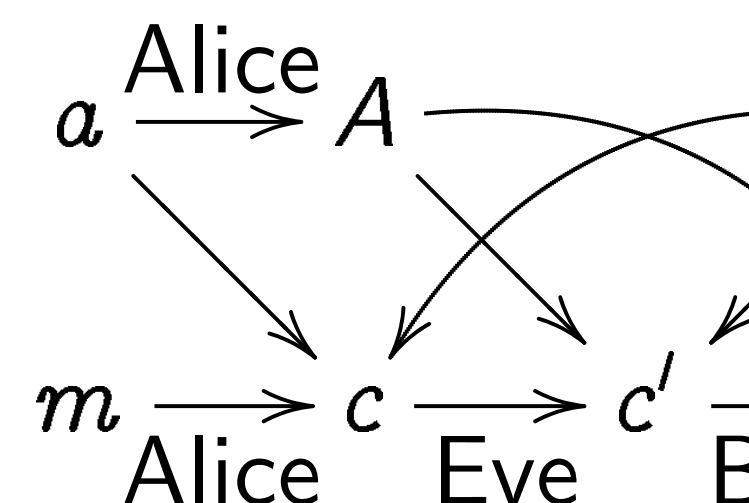
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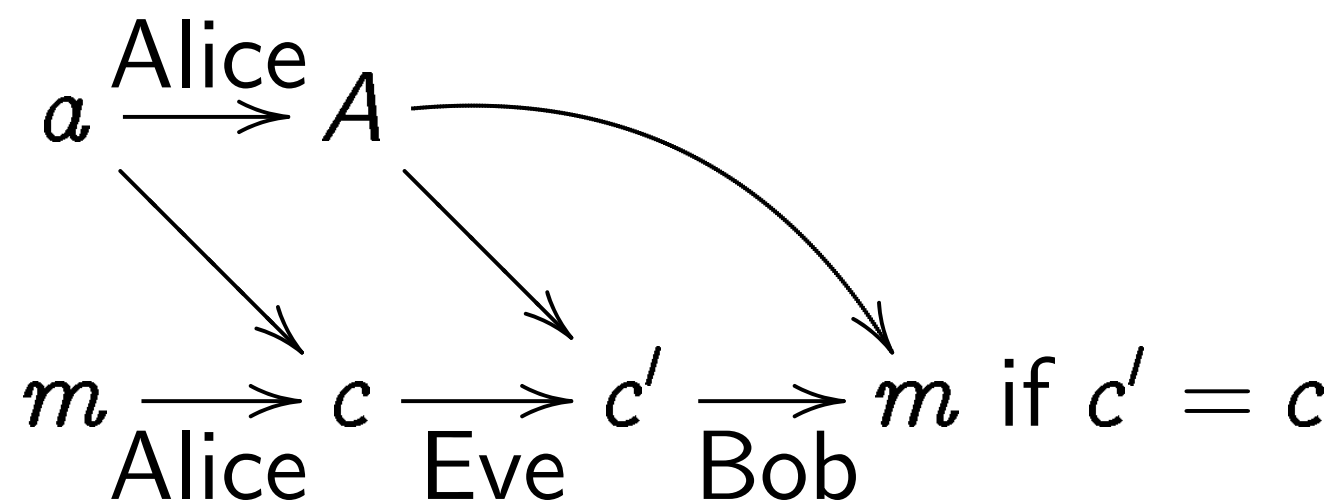
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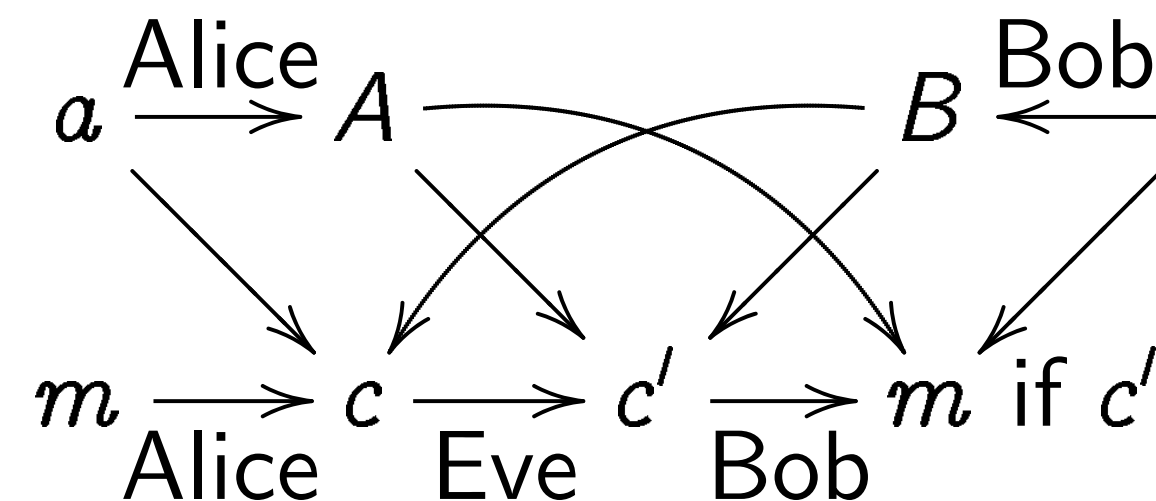
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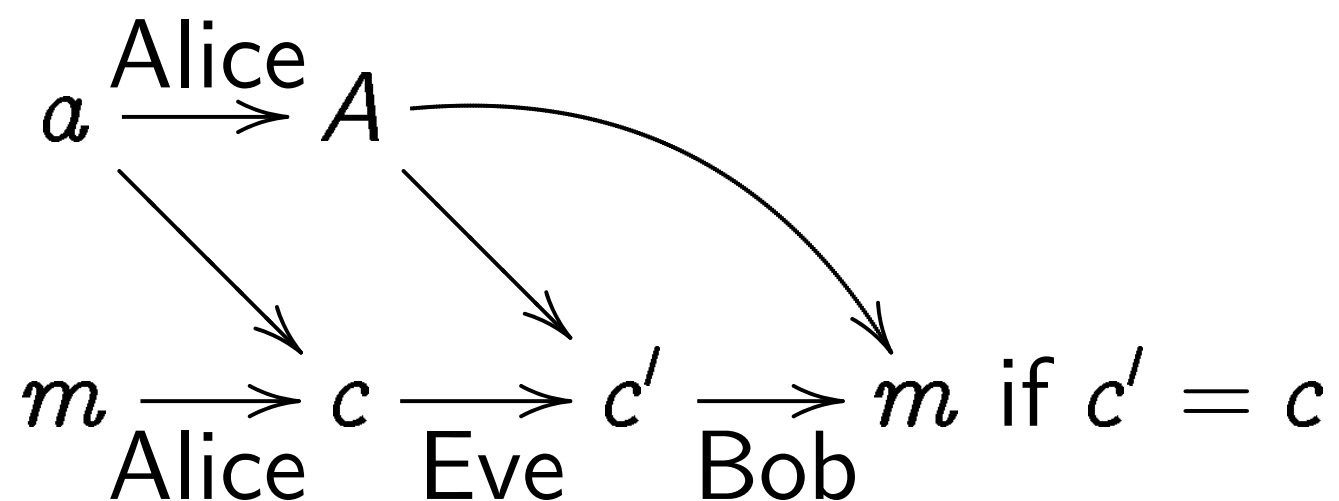
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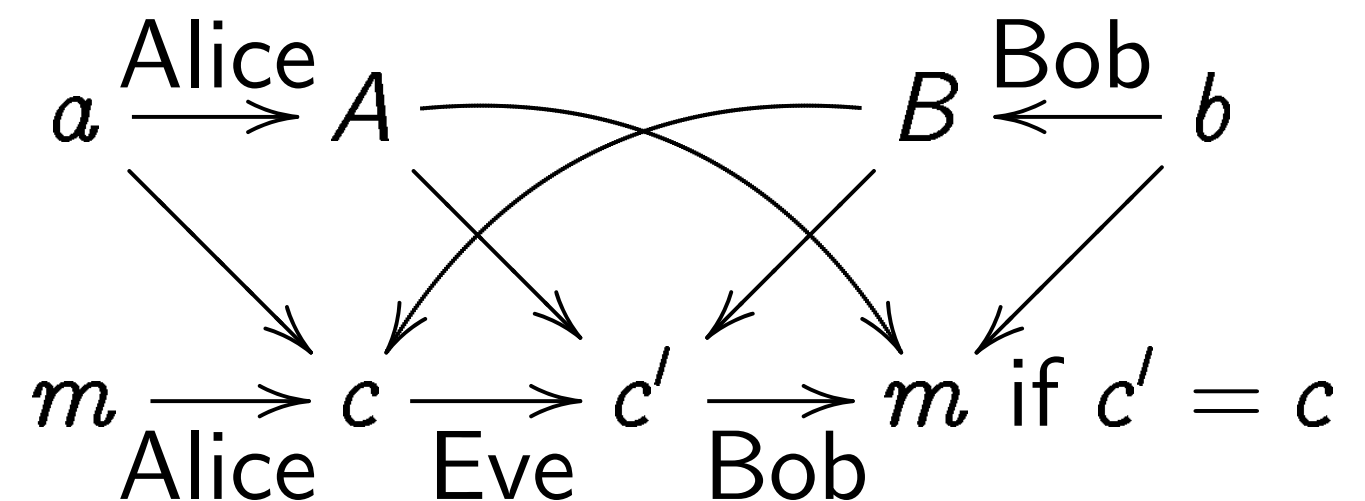
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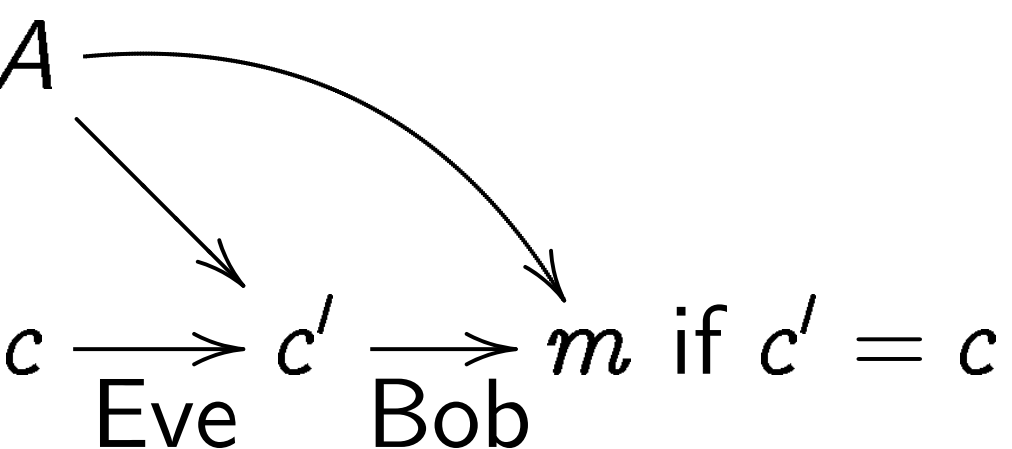
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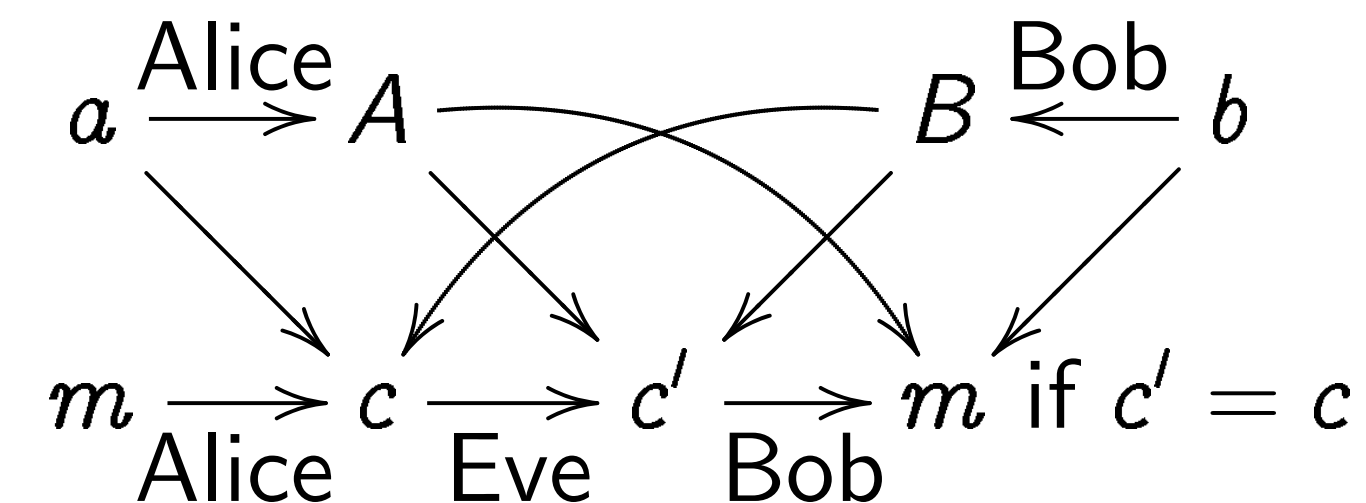
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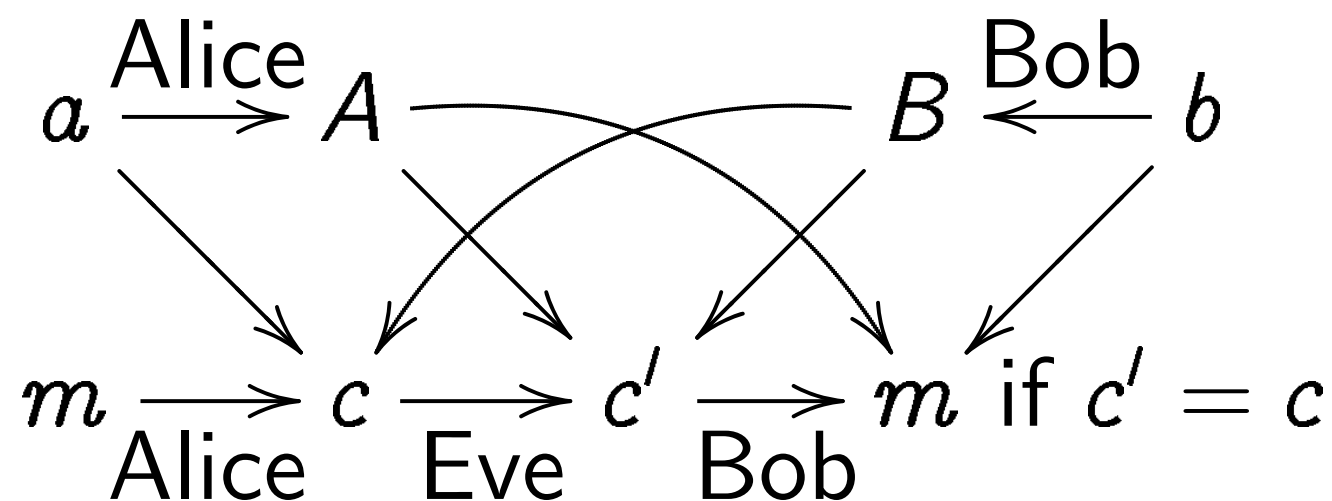
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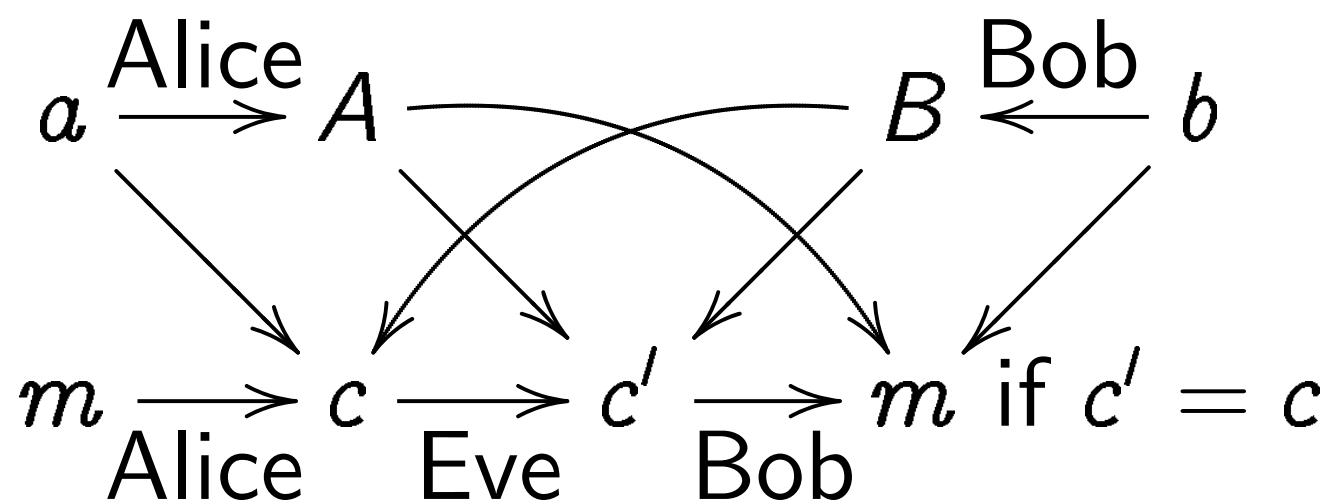
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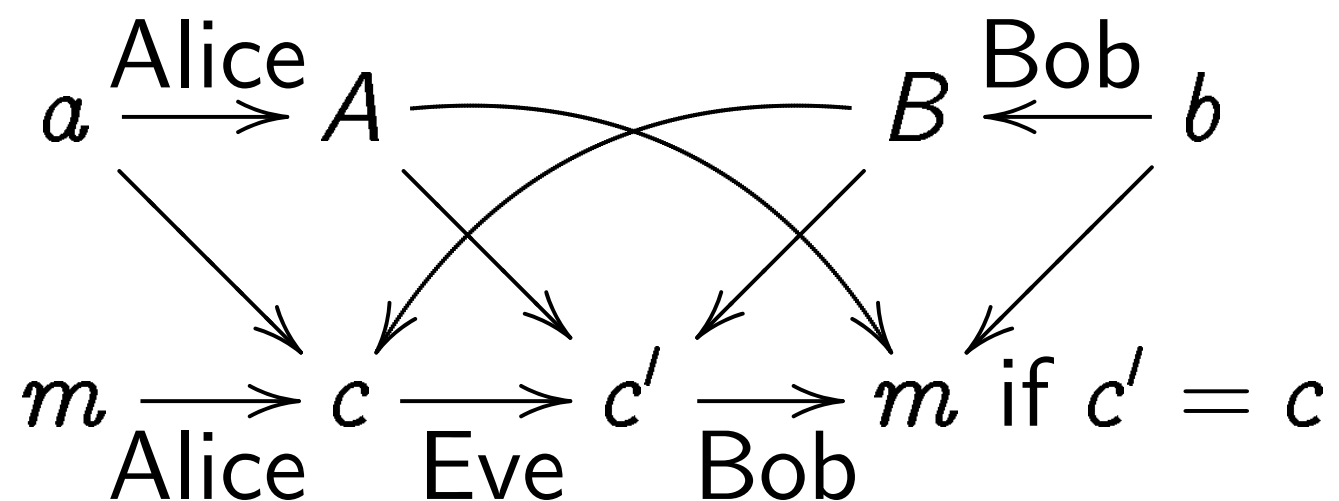
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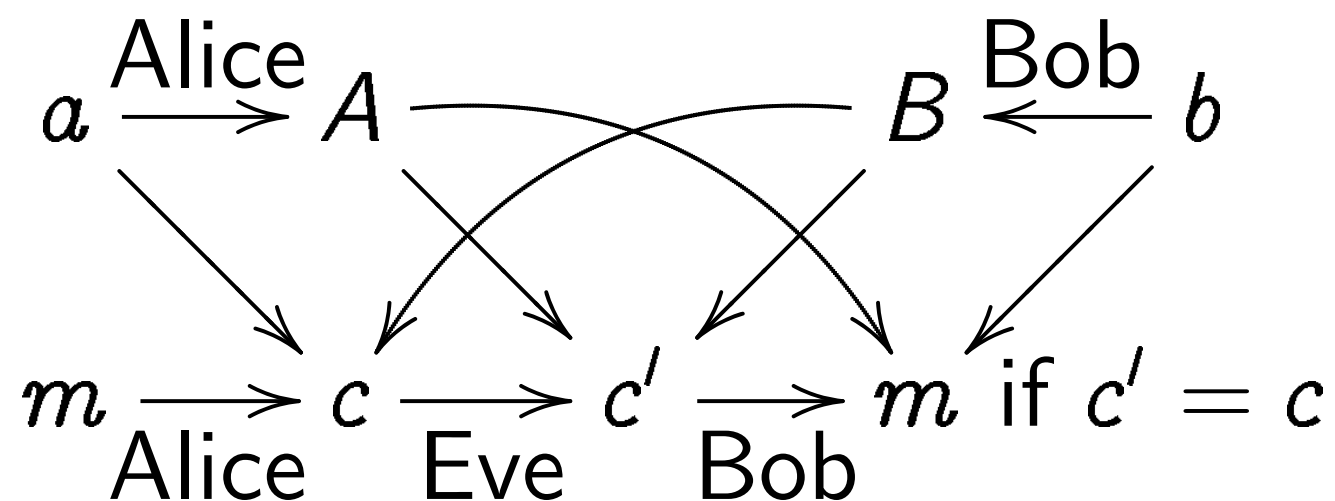
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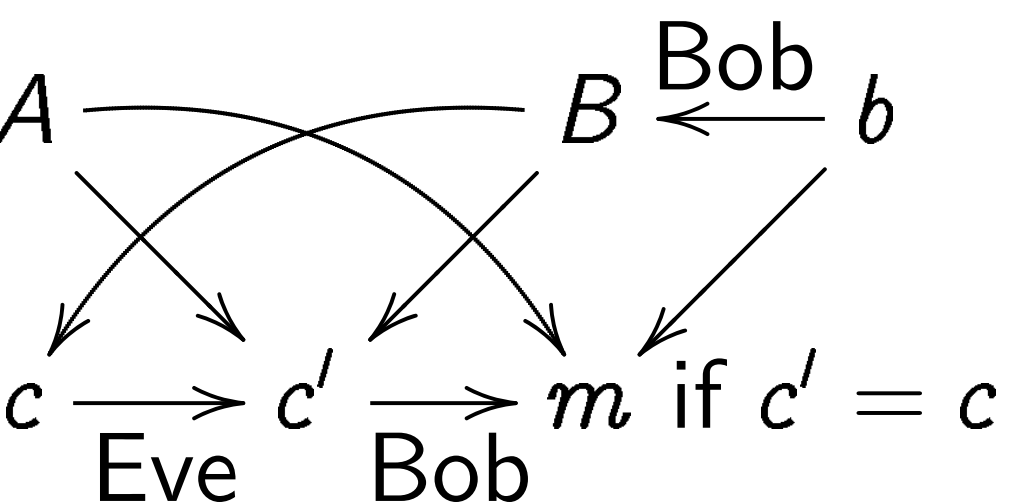
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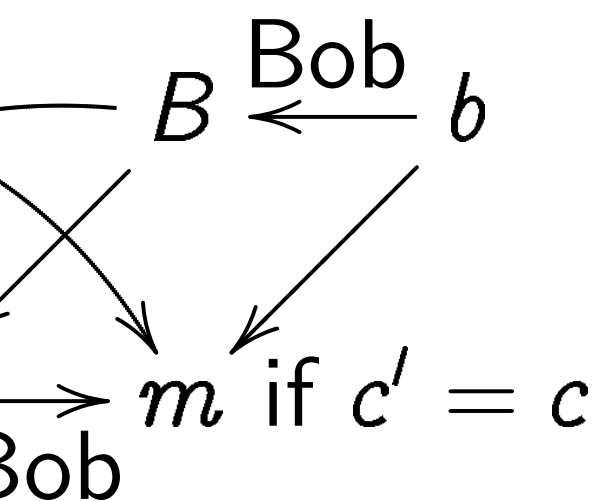
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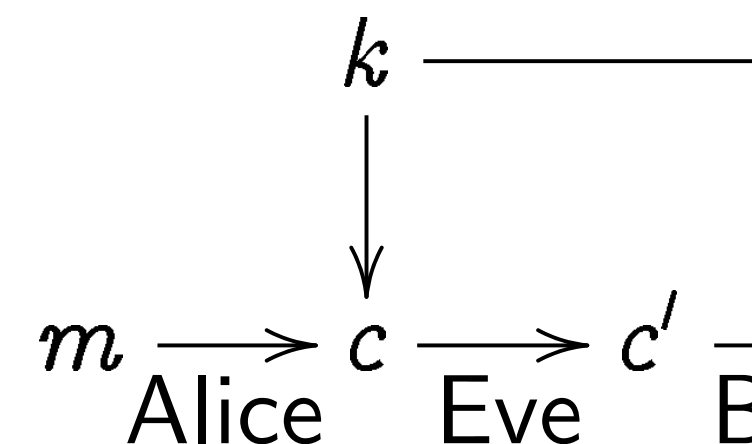
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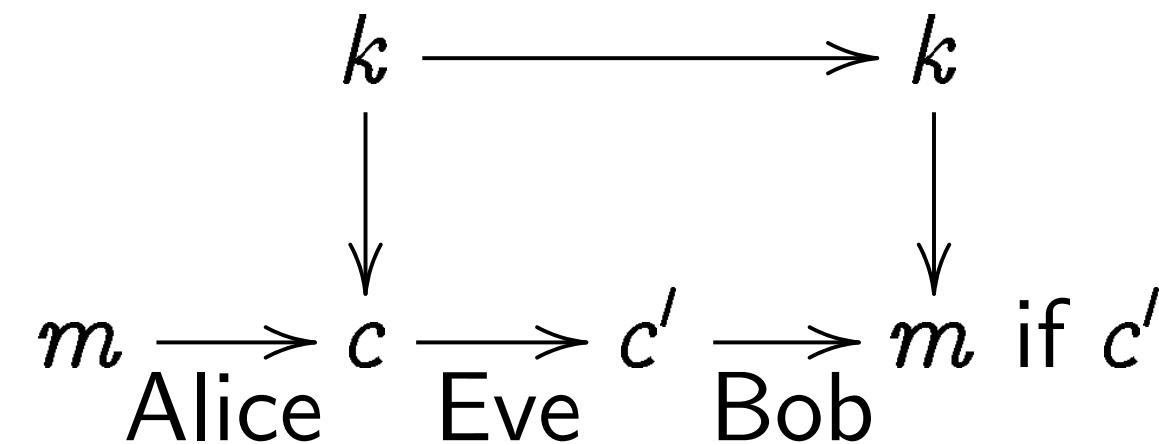
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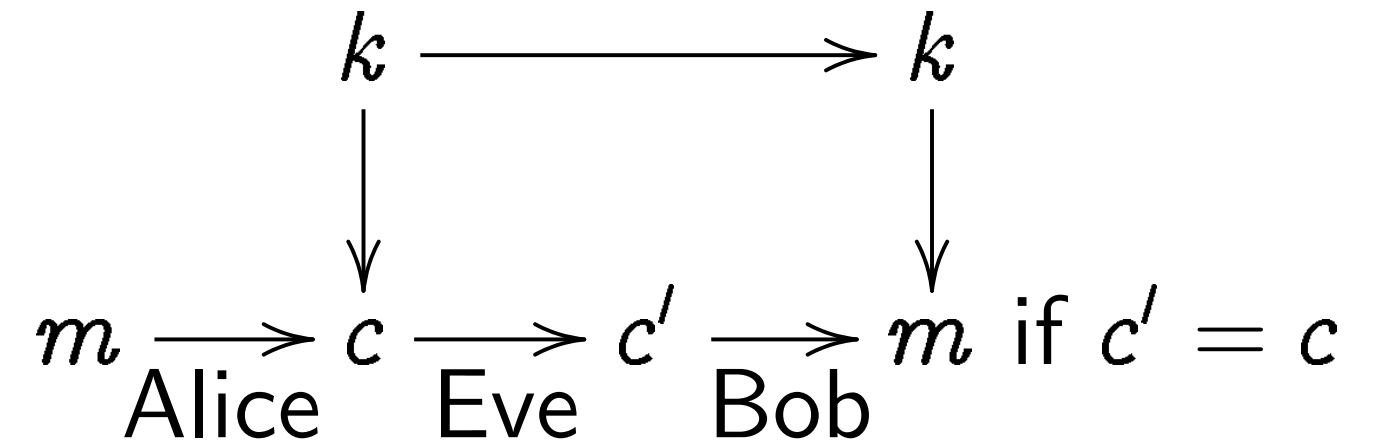
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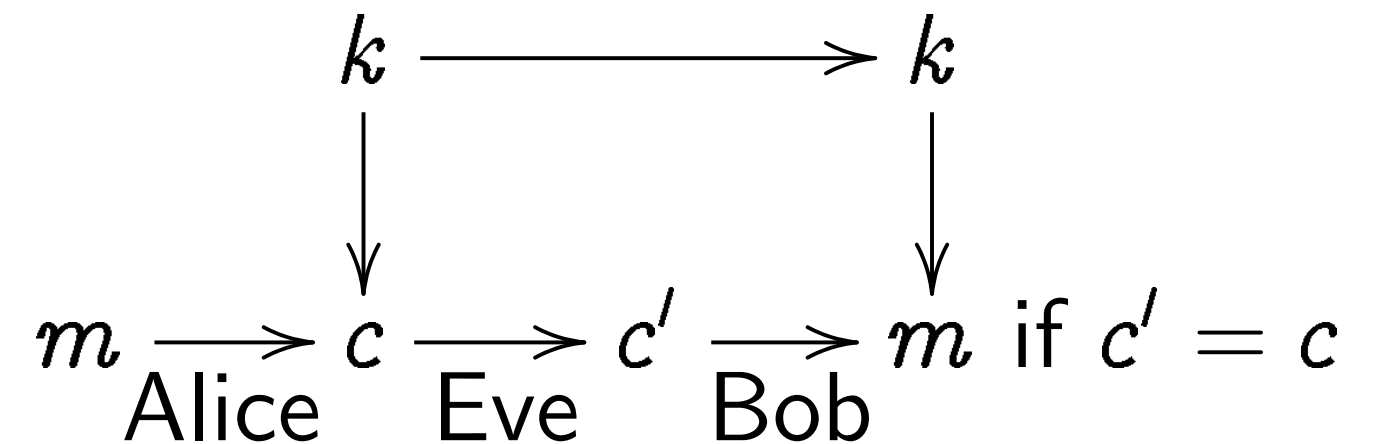
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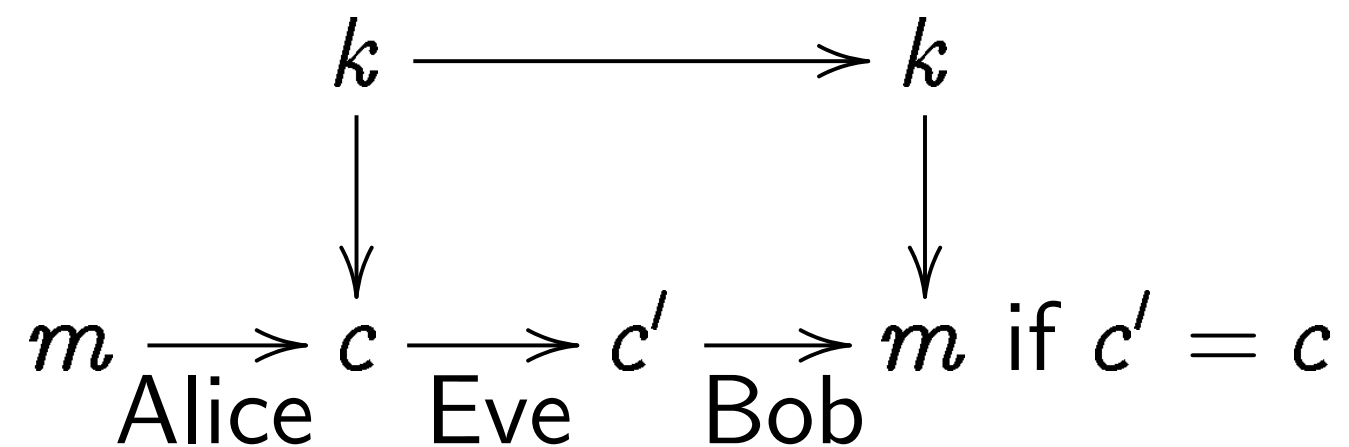
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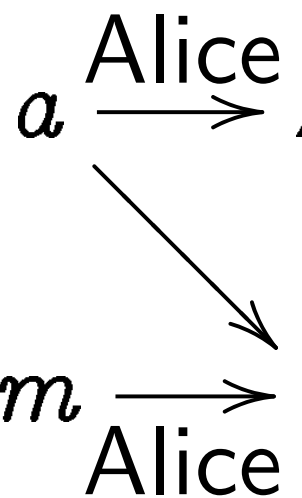
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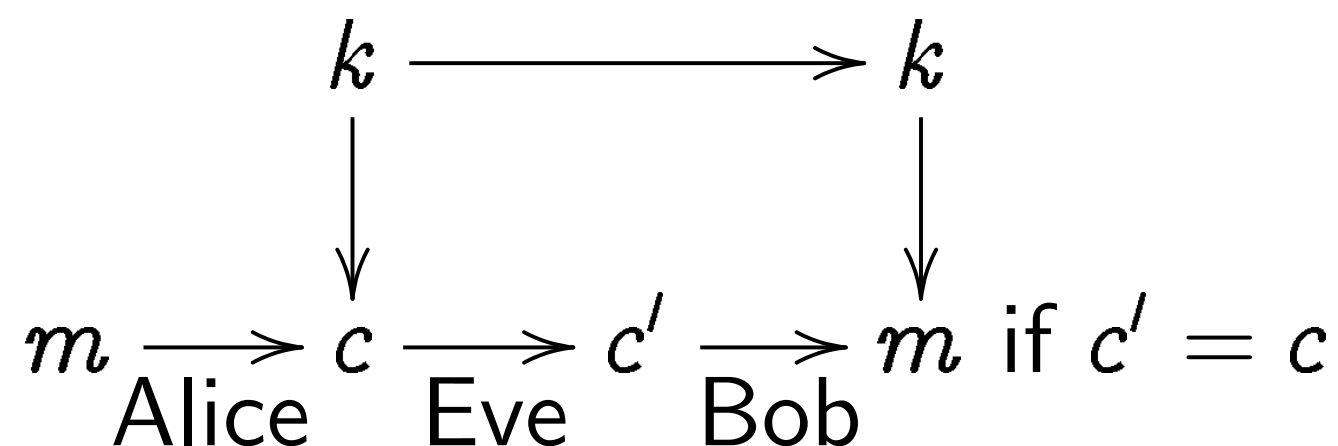
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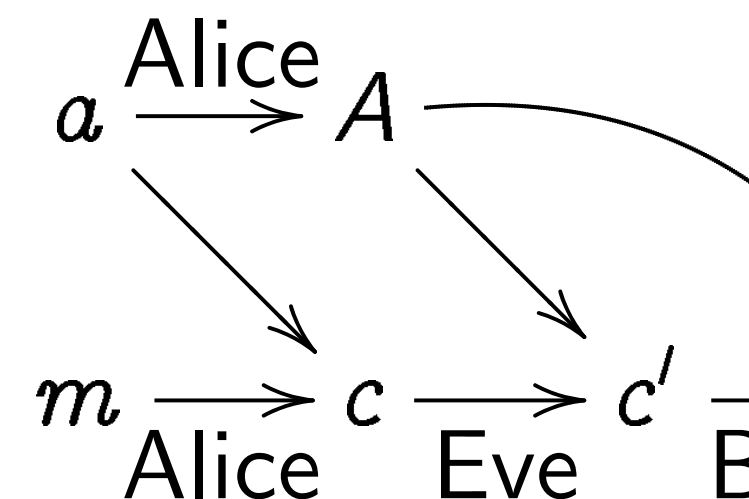
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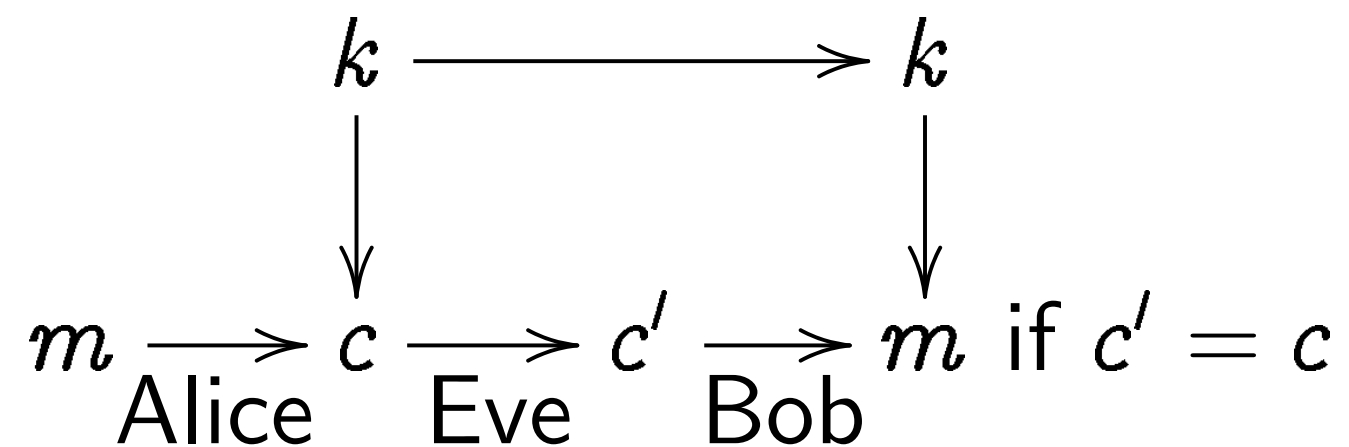
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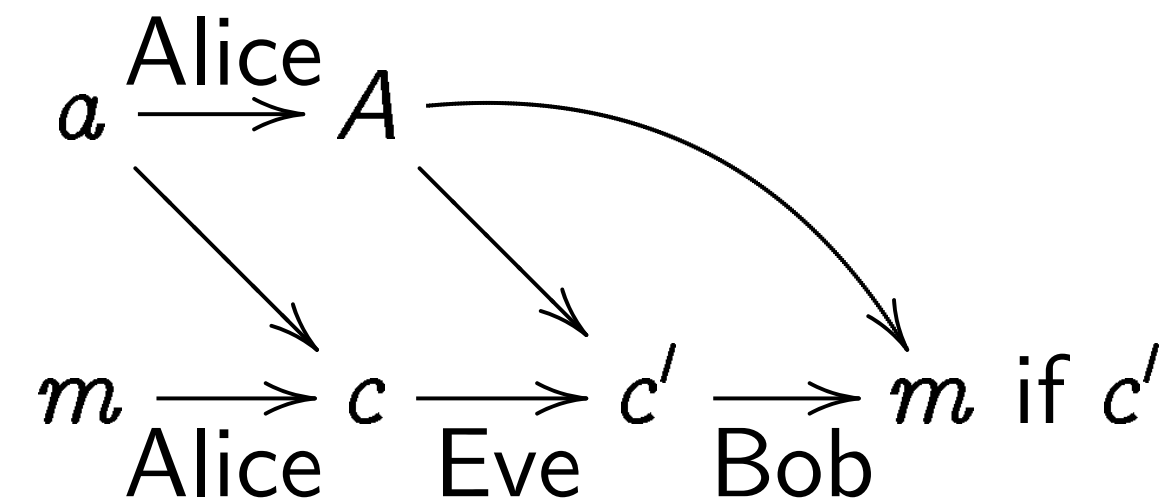
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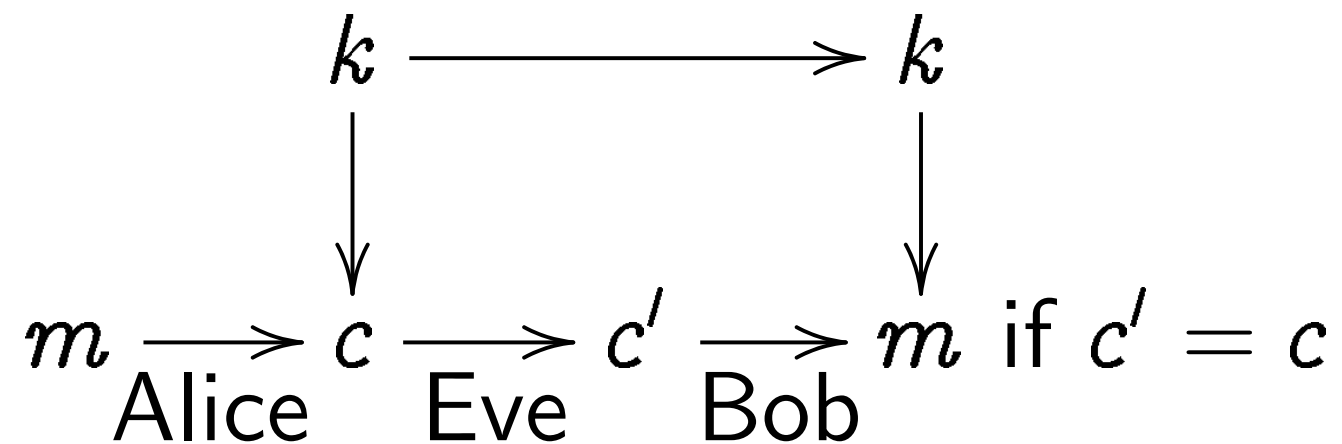


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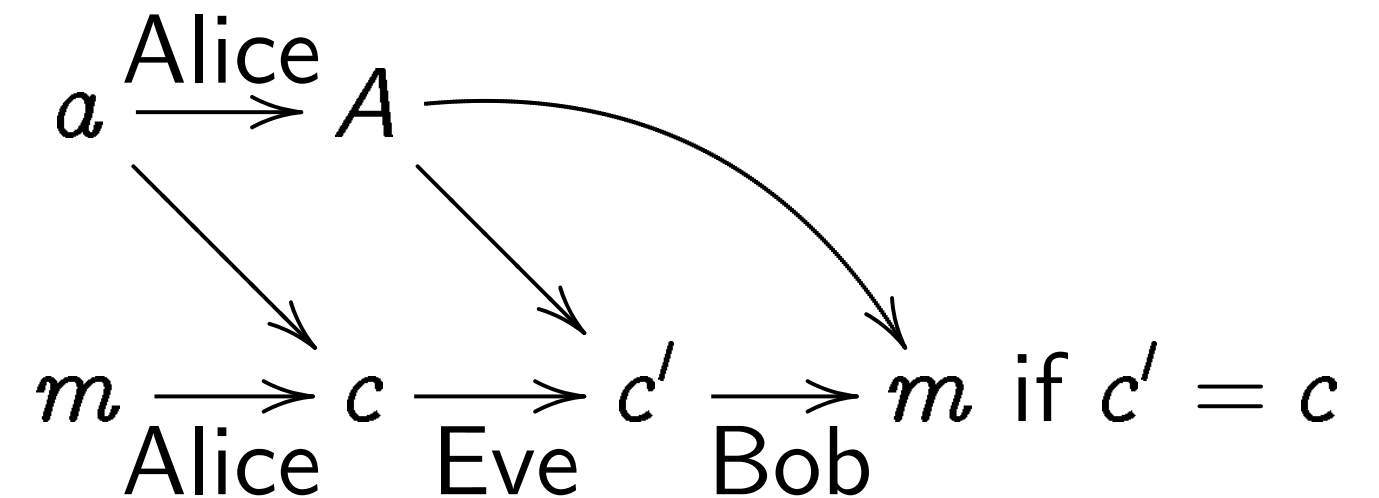
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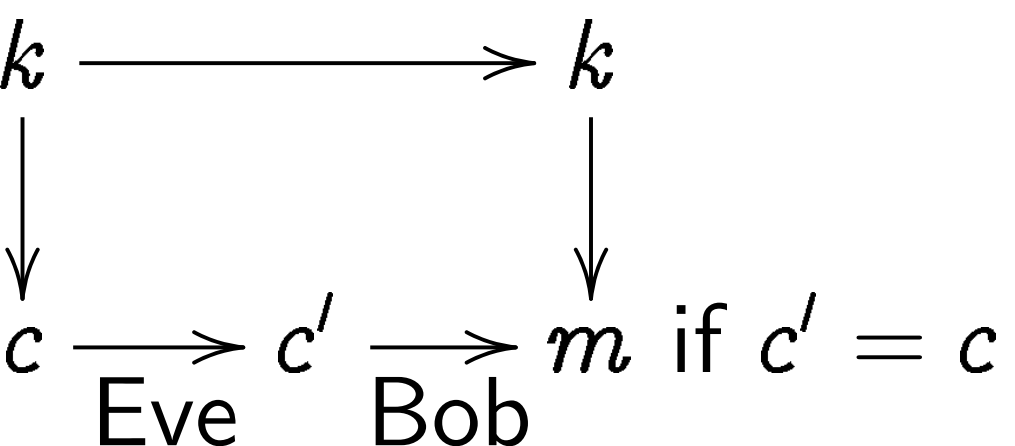


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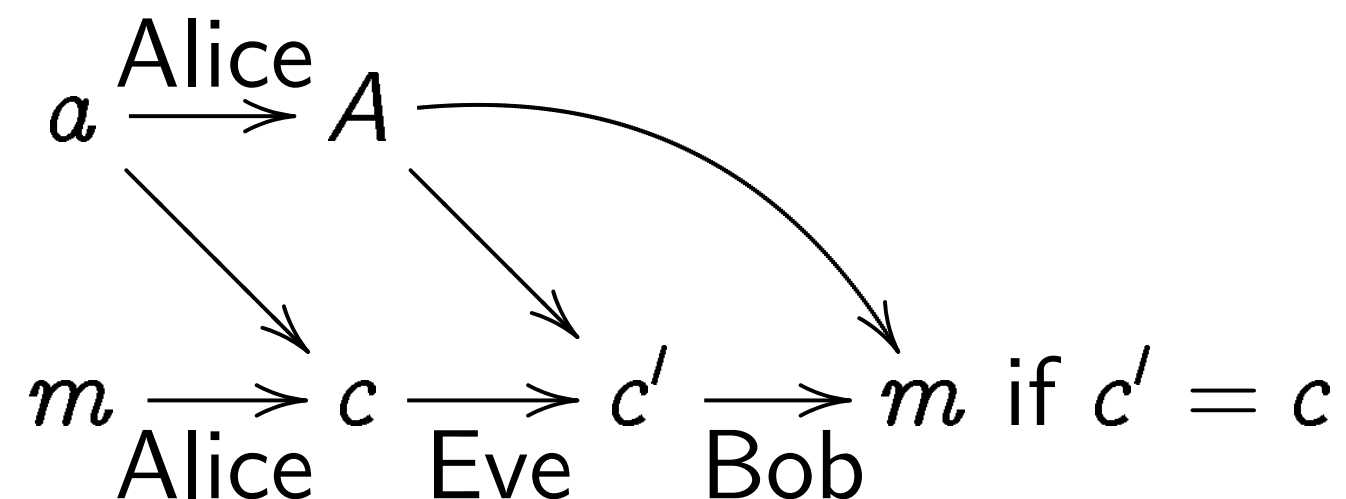
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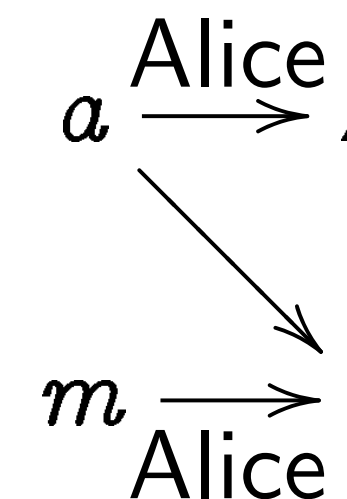
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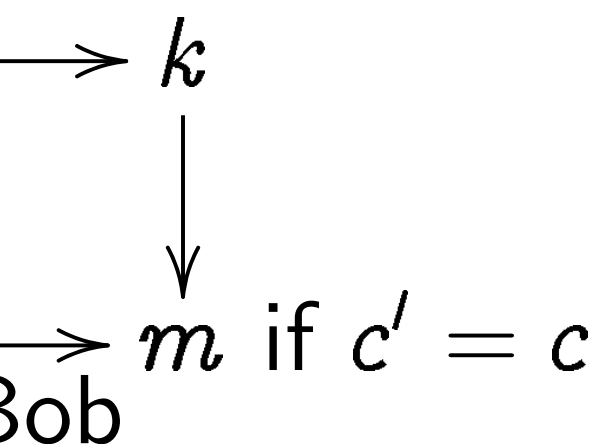
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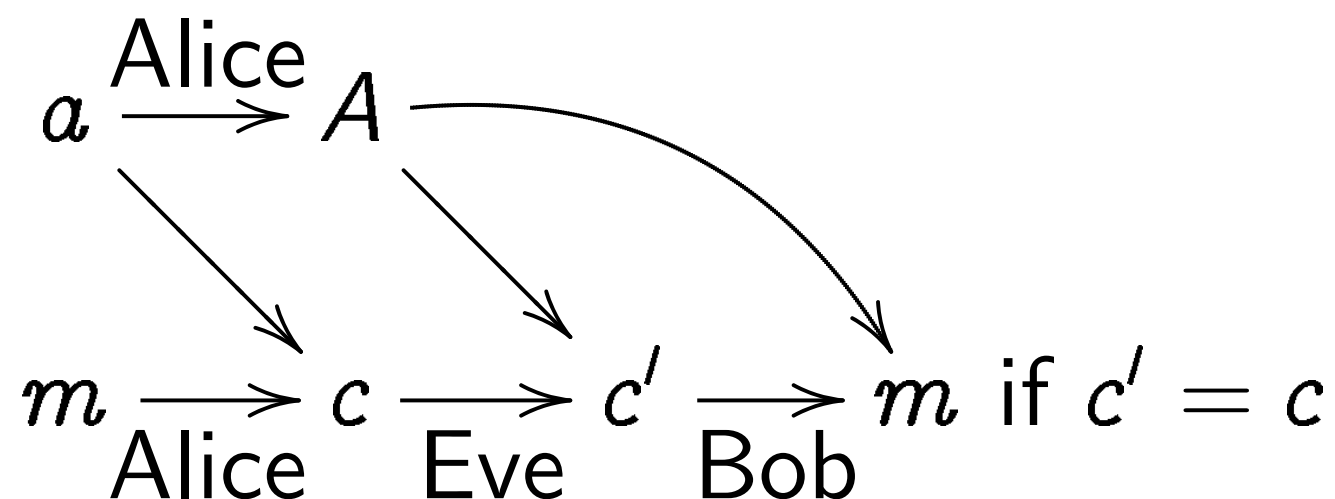
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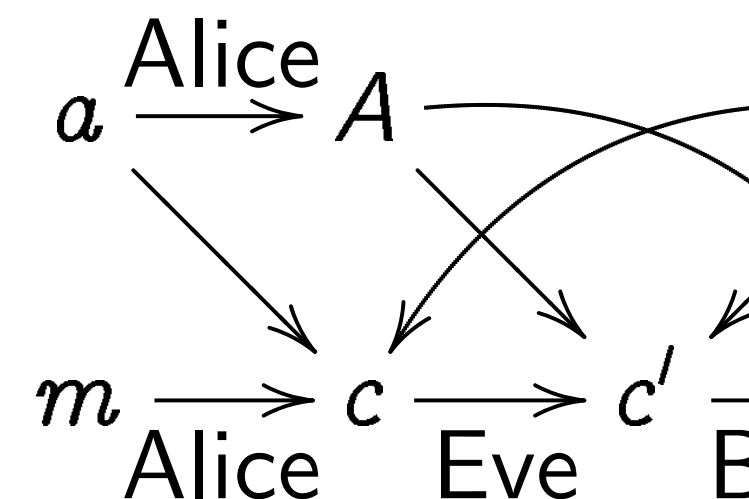
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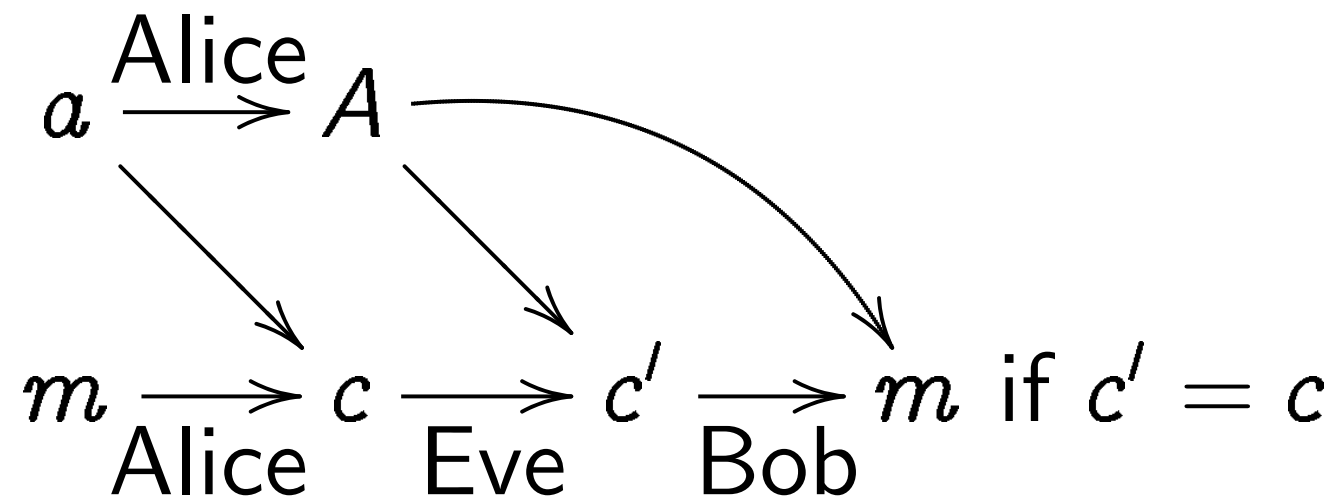
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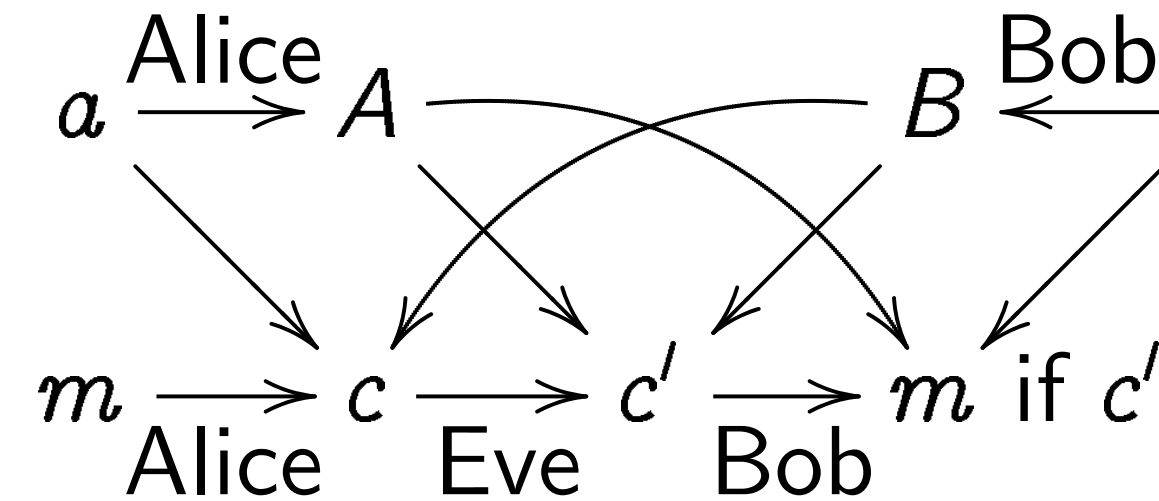
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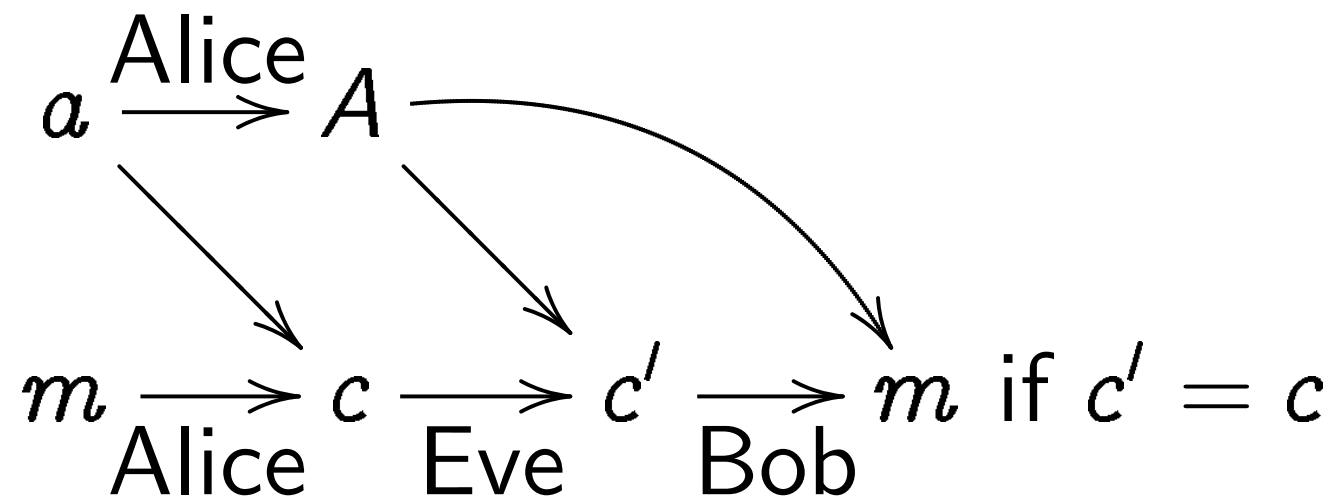
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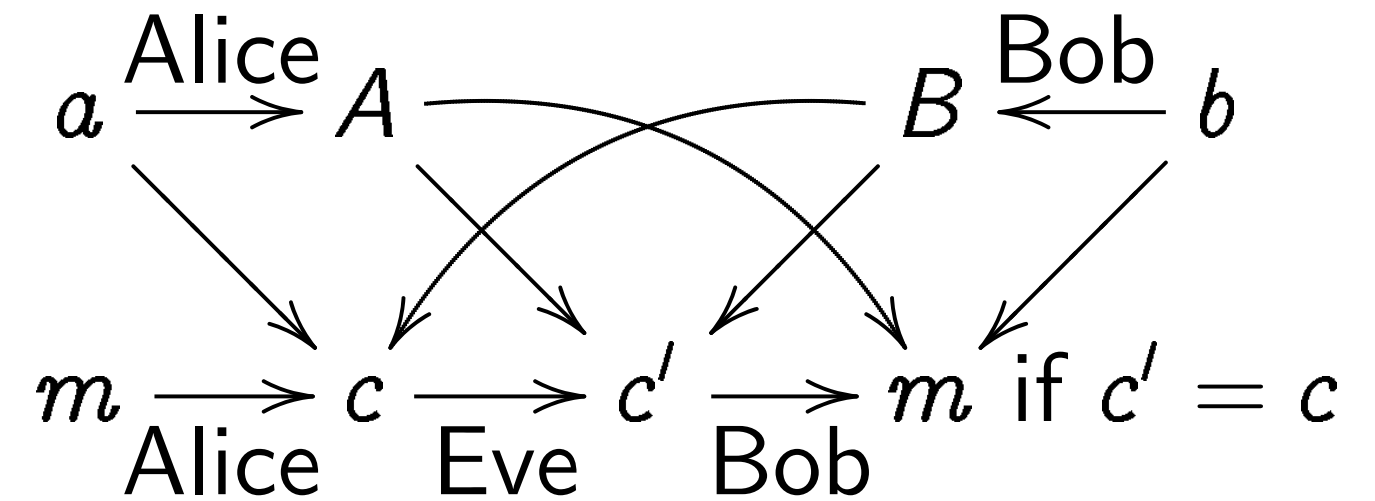


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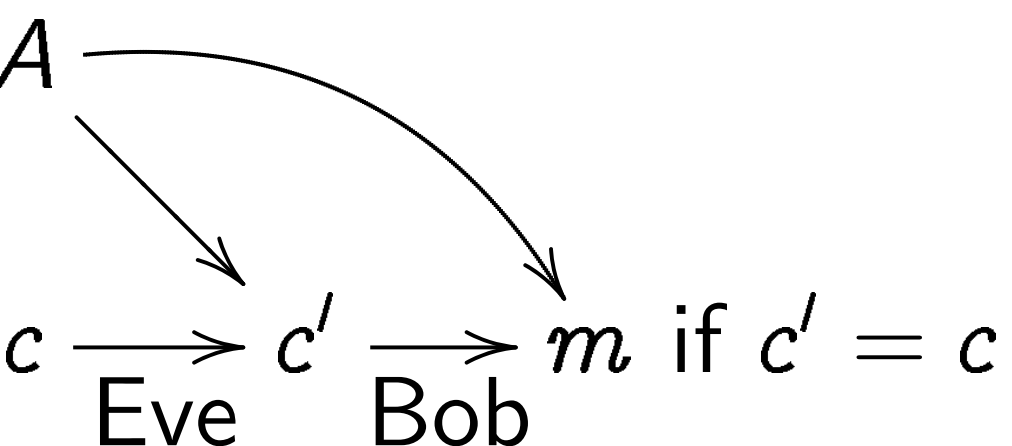
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Two variants of system

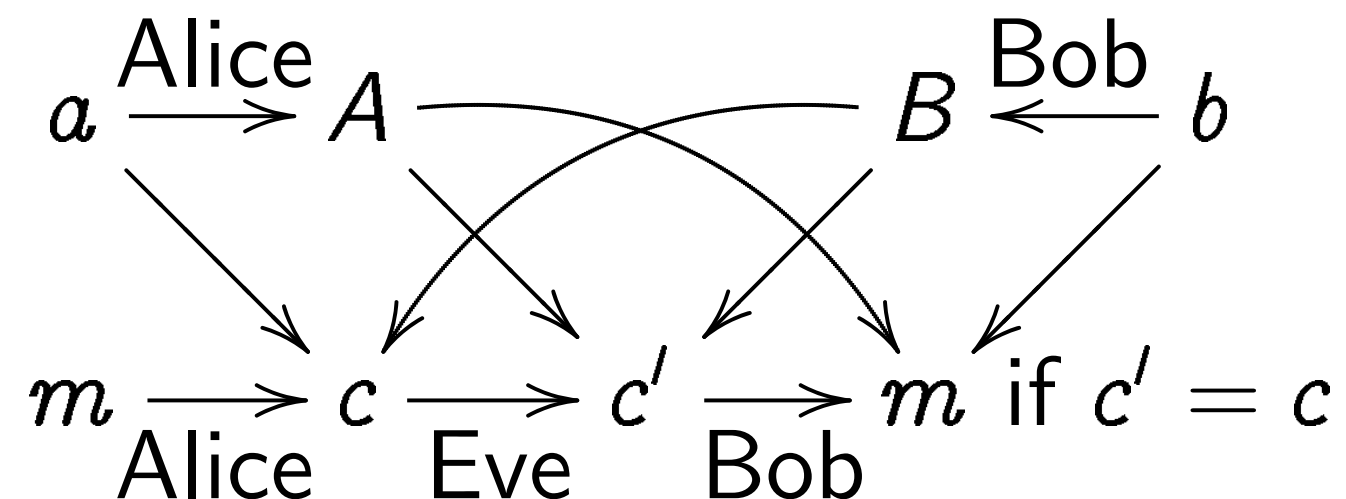
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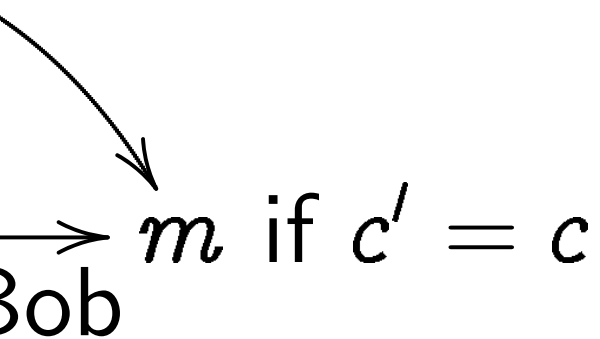
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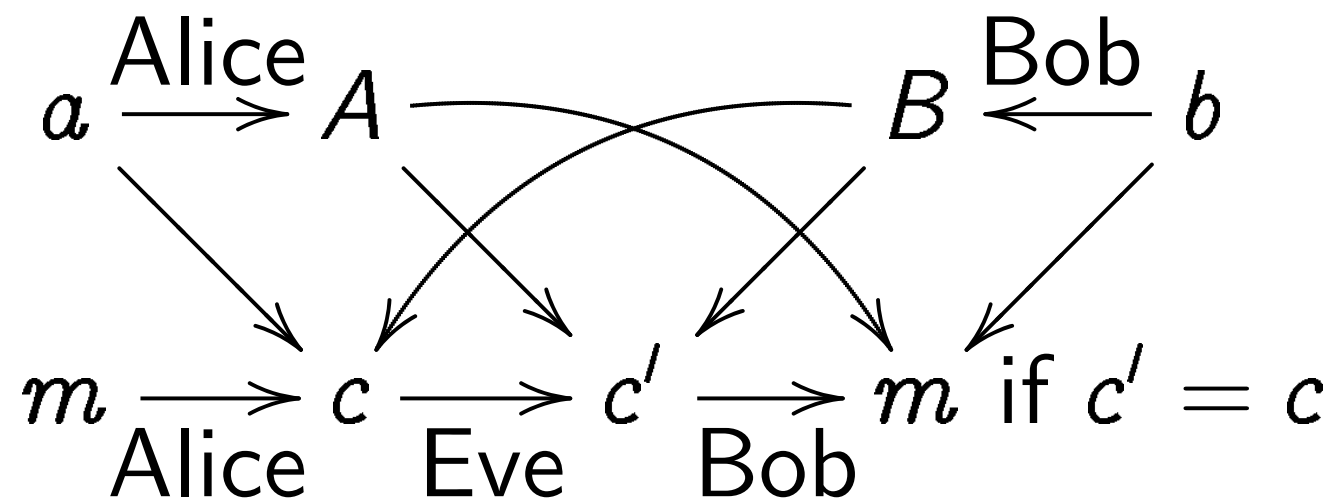
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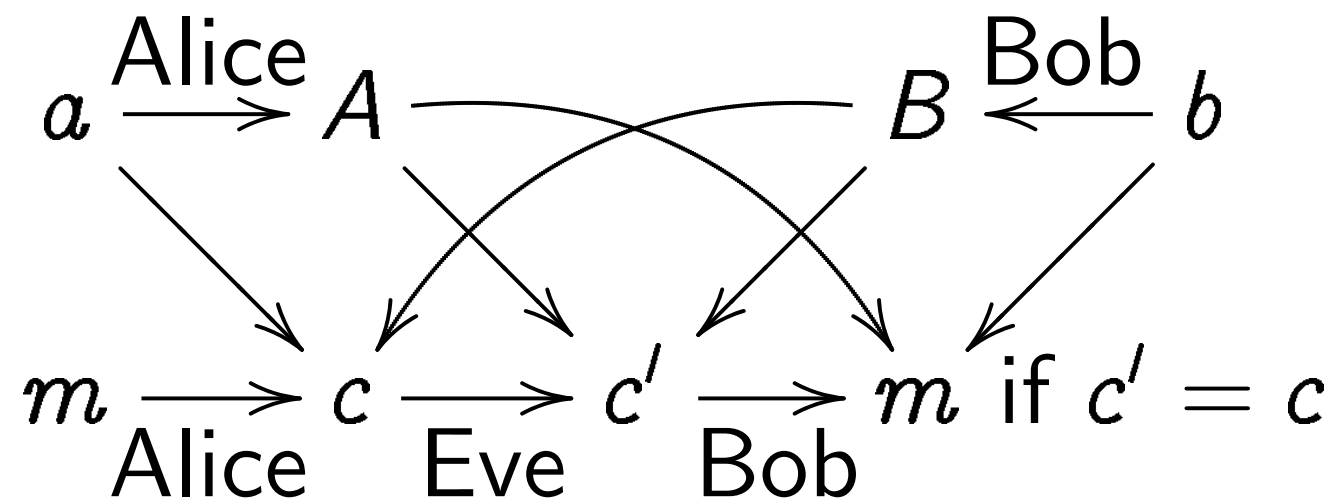
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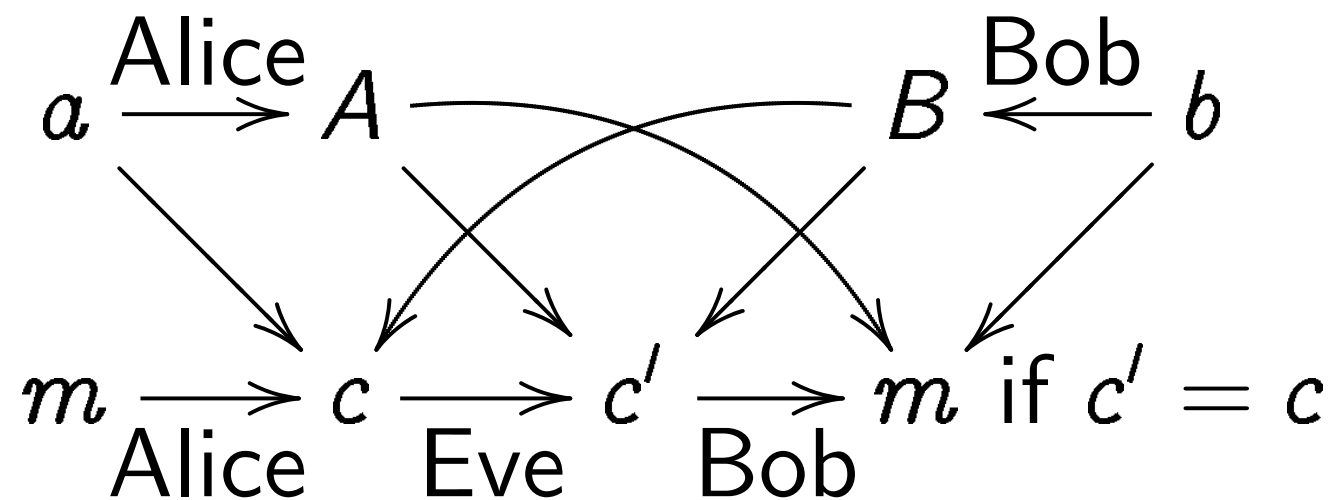
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